

are of this type. In Iceland and the Faroe Islands the percentage of polyploids is higher than in Schleswig-Holstein; in Sicily it is lower. The majority of the polyploid species of Iceland are wide ranging types rather than species endemic to the island or to the Arctic flora. In the flora of a restricted locality, such as an estuary and its borders, many polyploids are found among the species occupying that as well as other habitats, and fewer among the species peculiar to that habitat. The greater variability of polyploids is responsible for this condition, since it broadens their range of tolerance to different habitats.—G. L. STEBBINS, JR.

NOTES AND NEWS

CEANOTHUS THYRSIFLORUS: EXTENSION OF RANGE. A considerable stand of this species, previously not known to occur south of Monterey County, was observed by Mr. Maunsell Van Rensselaer on a north slope of upper Canada Honda, southwest of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, California (February 27, 1938, *M. Van Rensselaer*, Herb. Univ. Calif.). The shrubs were from twenty to twenty-five feet in height; some with a branch spread of over thirty feet.—H. E. McMINN.

The Wild Flower Show of Santa Rosa Junior College which is held biennially will open on Sunday, May 15, 1938 in the Science Building of the College at 1:00 P. M. In 1936 Professor Milo S. Baker and his assistants had representatives of over one thousand native Californian species on display.

The "Helen Stafford Thorne *Ceanothus* Fund" was recently established by the western member clubs of the Garden Club of America in honor of Mrs. Oakleigh Thorne who has been its active representative on the Pacific Coast for many years. The fund has been given to the Blaksley Botanic Garden to be used in furthering the study of the genus *Ceanothus*. (Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Leaflet 13: 22. 1938.)

Dr. W. A. Setchell, Professor of Botany, Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, has received notice of his election as a Foreign Member of the Royal Society of Science and Arts, of Gothenburg, Sweden. This honor comes as a result of studies made in cooperation with Swedish botanists.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

November 18, 1937. A meeting was held at 8:00 p. m. in Room 2093, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The president, Dr. F. W. Foxworthy, occupied the chair. Lecture: "An American botanist in Europe" by Profes-